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1. MFA DIRECTOR NORTH AFRICA JULY 31 TOLD EMBOFF RESULTS AGADIR SUMMIT LESS VEXATIOUS THAN GOS HAD EXPECTED. HASSAN APPEARED MORE "FLEXIBLE", JUDGING FROM JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH EASIEST SOLUTION FOR GOS WOULD BE BILATERAL DEAL WITH GOM, THIS WOULD BE UNFAIR TO SAHARANS, VAST MAJORITY OF WHOM GENUINELY DON'T WANT TO COME UNDER MOROCCO. SAHARANS HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH MOROCCANS, EXCEPT FOR TARFAYANS. SAHARANS, GENERALLY AWARE THEIR OWN STANDARD OF LIVING WELL ABOVE THAT OF TARFAYA, TINDOUF OR MAURITANIA, SHUN POLITICAL LINKS WITH ALL NEIGHBORS. THUS, MOST ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION SEEMS TO BE EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE. THAT STATUS CAN ONLY BE REACHED WHEN PREPARATION OF SAHARANS IS SUFFICIENT TO MINIMIZE
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AFRICA, EVEN IN AREAS APPARENTLY MORE VIABLE THAN SAHARA. FURTHER-MORE, HARMONIOUS AGREEMENT WITH AND AMONG NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING SPAIN, ALSO PREREQUISITE TO SAHARAN INDEPENDENCE.

3. PLF, ACCORDING TO MFA, CONSISTS OF SEVEN MEMBERS. TWO RENEGADES FROM SAHARA, DISOWNED BY THEIR OWN FAMILIES, WENT TO MAURITANIA, WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO ENLIST FIVE INDIVIDUALS OF DOUBTFUL REPUTATION AND MOUNT PHONY POPULAR LIBERATION FRONNT FOR SAHARA. OULD DADDAH HAS ASSURED GOS THAT GIRM WILL NOT SUPPORT. YET GOS SUSPECTS GIRM DID IN FACT USE PLF AS COUNTER-WEIGHT DEVICE VIS-A-VIS MOREHOB AND SIMILAR FALSE REVANCHIST GROUPS IN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA.

4. COMMENTING ON MOREHOB, MFA OFFICIAL SAID ITS LEADERS WERE FORCED TO FLEE TO ALGERIA BECAUSE THEY OBVIOUSLY MORE IN TUNE WITH HASSAN'S OPPOSITION THAN WITH KING. AFTER LEADERSHIP'S DISPLACEMENT TO ALGERIA, GOM PICKED UP A FEW SPLINTER MALCONTENTS WHO STAYED BEHIND. THESE HAVE FORMED NEW GROUP WHICH, FOR REASONS NOT KNOWN, CALLED "21 AUGUST".
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